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Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A content on demand system comprising: logic to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a position in the at least one stream; and logic to receive from a set top box a marker obtained from the stream for an audio and/or video stream for which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing, and upon a signal from the set top box to resume streaming of the audio and/or video stream from a position proximate to the marker.
2. (Original) A content on demand system comprising: logic to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a rating of content of the stream proximate to a position of the marker.
3. (Original) A content on demand system comprising: logic to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a proximity to advertisements in the at least one stream.
4. (Original) A set top box comprising: logic to scan an audio and/or video stream for markers; and when one or more markers indicate a restricting condition, inhibiting rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream according to the restricting condition.
5. (Original) The set top box of claim 4, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.
6. (Original) The set top box of claim 4, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.

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7. (Original) The set top box of claim 4, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

8. (Original) The set top box of claim 4, wherein the logic to inhibit rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: logic to inhibit at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

9. (Original) The set top box of claim 4, wherein logic to inhibit rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: logic to inhibit at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is mature content.

10. (Original) The set top box of claim 4, further comprising: logic to terminate rendering of the audio and/or video stream when an insufficient number of markers are detected within a time interval.

11. (Original) The set top box of claim 10, further comprising: logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream when a marker indicating an end to the restricting condition is encountered in the audio and/or video stream.

12. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.

13. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.

14. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

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15. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: the logic to enable at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

16. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: the logic to enable at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is no longer mature content.